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Date _____

Directions: Read the materials listed below and then answer the questions on a separate sheet of paper.

“Public Meeting of the Colored Citizens of Detroit” from the December 29, 1848 *North Star*;
“Up to the Jerry Level” from the March 24, 1854 *Frederick Douglass Paper*; Laura Haviland,
Second Attempt; Levi Coffin, *The Cunning Slave*.

1. Why do you think that De Baptiste, who was born free, chose to assist those that were enslaved?
2. Do you think it was right for De Baptiste to break the law and assist runaway enslaved African Americans?
3. What kinds of economic opportunities did Michigan provide for De Baptiste that Indiana did not?
4. Compare and contrast the ways that De Baptiste was treated in other states with how he was treated in Michigan.
5. Are you surprised that De Baptiste worked for an American president? Why or why not? (Research President Harrison to help you answer this question.)